



RECEIVED

FEB 4 2003

TC 1700

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 08038.0043

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Yasuo KOBAYASHI et al.) Group Art Unit: 1763
Application No.: 09/667,768) Examiner: Karla A. MOORE
Filed: September 22, 2000)
For: PROCESSING APPARATUS AND)
PROCESSING METHOD)

#9A
2/11/03
MW

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated August 1, 2002, the period for reply having been extended for three months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the following new paragraph:

A) This application is a continuation of International Application No.
PCT/JP00/05410, filed August 11, 2000.

FINNEGAN
HENDERSON
FARABOW
GARRETT &
DUNNER LLP

1300 I Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005
202.408.4000
Fax 202.408.4400
www.finnegan.com